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MINUTES

Lansing Central MVTF Office
Lansing, Michigan

September 1, 2015
11:40 a.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Board of Trustees and Staff

Chairman John E. James, present
Vice Chairman Charles Kosal, present
Trustee Robert Williams, present
Trustee Barry Wood, present
Trustee Shawn Wilson, present
Trustee Brandi McBride, present
Edwin Fore, present

Lindell Holm, *Director*
Dawn Bollis, *Dept. Analysis*
Mary Kay Robinson, *Financial Supervisor*
Erik Napieralski, *Dept. Tech*
Tom Diaz, *Dept. Tech*

Chairman John James called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Notice of Open Meetings Act Compliance

Ms. Robinson stated that the meeting notices were posted pursuant to Public Act 267 of 1976, the Open Meetings Act.

Introduction of Guests

None

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes

A MOTION (Wood/Williams) to approve the Public Minutes, of August 4, 2015, passed and carried.

Appeals & Reviews - Reconsideration

There were three personal hearings conducted at the September 1, 2015 emergent need work session. A total of 22 appeals and reviews were considered.

Case A-1 (Jackson County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage payments (\$5,845.91). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-2 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$985.02). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RH-3 (Gratiot County)

APPROVED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and approved your application for the balance on the septic system and drain field (\$2,340.00).

Case RH-4 (Cass County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for rent (\$650.00). A close review of the request for assistance was determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RR-5 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for BWL utility (\$103.20). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s). Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-6 (Oakland County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for land contract payments (\$1,120.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities.

Case A-7 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for exterior steps (\$4,540.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case RM-8 (Schoolcraft County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for hearing aids (\$3,140.00). A review of the applicant's file showed that no medical emergency or medical health problem which actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has been demonstrated. It is recommended the applicant contact 1-800-MICH-VET (6424-838), for other options.

Case A-9 (Cheboygan County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,915.00; for Sept. and Oct. rent (\$1,490.00), Aug. and Sept. unit fees (\$90.00) and connection to the gas/heat service (\$335.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency.

Case A-10 (Chippewa County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for a personal loan pay-off (\$4,000.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also disclosed that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case A-11 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$1,684.79; for heat and electric (\$749.01) and 2013 property taxes (\$935.78). A close review of the applicant's financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The financial statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RM-12 (Griiot County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental work (\$2,914.00). A medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-13 (Houghton County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for 2012 property taxes (\$3,483.83). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that sufficient income and/or assets are available to meet necessary expense(s) or arranging a payment schedule. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RH-14 (Mecosta County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for \$8,216.00; for main bathroom upgrade (\$3,812.00), master bathroom upgrade/repair (\$1,515.00) and water heater/filtration system (\$2,889.00). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve.

Case RO-15 (Ingham County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for electric (\$883.65). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-16 (Charlevoix County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for \$3,205.31; for dental work (\$2,750.00) and delinquent medical bill (\$455.31). A review of your request for assistance has determined that your situation does not constitute an unforeseen circumstance creating a financial emergency. A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. The requested assistance is also not approved because a medical or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-17 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for auto repairs (\$786.87). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume her financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case RR-18 (Houghton County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for a furnace (\$5,850.63). The Board of Trustees has reviewed your request for assistance and determined that it does not constitute an emergent need.

Case RM-19 (Kalamazoo County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees reviewed your request and disapproved your application for dental extractions and dentures (\$2,045.00). The expenses are not covered because a medical emergency or health problem that actually threatens the health or income, or both, of the applicant has not been demonstrated.

Case A-20 (Wayne County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for mortgage (\$2,243.34). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals there is no reasonable expectation that a grant would enable the applicant to resume his financial responsibilities. The statement also reveals that applicant's situation requires a more long term solution than the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolve applicant's situation.

Case A-21 (St. Clair County)

DENIED

- The MVTF Board of Trustees disapproved your application for rent (\$1,500.00). A close review of the applicant's disclosed financial statement reveals that the applicant's situation requires a more long term solution that the Trust Fund is designed to resolve. Previous grant assistance has not resolved the applicant's situation.

Case A-22 (Kalamazoo County)

PARTIAL

- The MVTF Board of Trustees partially approved your application for \$3,776.00; for rent (\$2,760.00), auto insurance (\$520.00) and heat/electric (\$496.00). The remaining requests for student loan (\$1,760.00) and credit card (\$210.00) were denied because the emergent need was met.

A MOTION (Wilson/Kosal) to accept the emergency grant approvals and denials that were made in the closed session, passed and carried.

The total amount authorized for emergency grants approved was 2/22 for **\$6,116.00**. Approved 1/13 Appeals for **(\$3,776.00)**, 1/3 Review/Housing for **(\$2,340.00)**, 0/3 Review/Medical for **(\$0.00)**, 0/0 Review/Conflict of Interest for **(\$0.00)**, 0/2 Review/Repetitive for **(\$0.00)** and 0/1 Review/Other for **(\$0.00)**.

Accounting Report

A MOTION (Kosal/Wood) to approve the budget for 2016 passed and carried.

Ineligibles/Administrative Errors – Reconsideration

None

County & District Committees--Committee Appointments

A MOTION (Wood/Wilson) to accept the following appointment and re-appointment passed and carried.

Recommendation of the following **New Independent appointment:**

Name	County	Term of Service
Scott Martin	Lapeer County	12-31-2018

Unfinished Business

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees regarding the training and feedback that was received from the training that was held in the UP on August 24 and 25.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of the status on the Regional Model and the upcoming working group HB 4642 being held on September 16, 2015 at 10:00 am.

New Business

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees of some possible startup cost amounts for the regional model.

Director Holm discussed with the Board of Trustees regarding sending an informational letter about administrative expenses versus grants to the Governor.

MVTF Board Activities

None

MVTF Staff Activities

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees regarding training that will take place September 22, 2014 in Lake County.

Director Holm informed the Board of Trustees that he will be speaking at the MACV conference on September 23, 2014 regarding the status of the MVTF and the Regional Model.

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None

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10 pm

Approved:

John James, Chairman

Date